

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

~~{1}~~ (Currently Amended) 1. An absorbent article,  
comprising:

a top sheet positioned in a face which is brought into  
contact with a human body;

a back sheet positioned in a face which is opposite to the  
top sheet and is brought into contact with underwear; and

an absorbent body interposed between the top sheet and the  
back sheet, wherein

the back sheet includes a colored area, and

the colored area has a light transmittance allowing light  
outputted from an optical sensor to be transmitted therethrough.

~~{2}~~ (Currently Amended) 2. An absorbent article,  
comprising:

a top sheet positioned in a face which is brought into  
contact with a human body;

a back sheet positioned in a face which is opposite to the  
top sheet and is brought into contact with underwear; and

an absorbent body interposed between the top sheet and the  
back sheet, wherein

the back sheet includes a colored area and a non-colored  
area, and

an inspection portion which transmits light outputted from  
an optical sensor for inspection is provided in the non-colored

area.

~~{3}~~ (Currently Amended) 3. An absorbent article, comprising:

a top sheet positioned in a face which is brought into contact with a human body;

a back sheet positioned in a face which is opposite to the top sheet and is brought into contact with underwear; and

an absorbent body interposed between the top sheet and the back sheet, wherein

the back sheet includes a colored area, and

an inspection portion in the colored area at which inspection with an optical sensor is performed has a light transmittance allowing light outputted from the optical sensor to be transmitted therethrough.

~~{4}~~ (Currently Amended) 4. The absorbent article according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein in the colored area, an identification to identify a front-rear orientation of the absorbent article is provided.

5. (new) The absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein in the colored area, an identification to identify a front-rear orientation of the absorbent article is provided.

6. (new) The absorbent article according to claim 3 wherein in the colored area, an identification to identify a front-rear orientation of the absorbent article is provided.